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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE FORMAT FOR TARIFF REVIEW PLANS TO BE SUBMITED BY PRICE CAP CARRIERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2003 ANNUAL ACCESS TARIFF FILING

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED WCB/PRICING No. 03-15

Comments: April 7, 2003

Reply Comments: April 14, 2003

In this notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the format for the access tariff review plans (TRPs) to be submitted by each incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) subject to price cap regulation.¹ As explained below, these ILECs must file two TRPs: (1) a short-form TRP, due by May 1, 2003, and (2) a long-form TRP, due in June 2003 with the annual access tariff filing.

TRPs are designed to display basic information on access charges in a uniform format in the most effective and least burdensome way possible. The Bureau updates the TRPs prior to each required filing of access charges to reflect changes in Commission rules. TRPs are subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.²

The price cap ILECs that must file a short form TRP on May 1, 2003, are Aliant Communications Company, Ameritech Operating Companies, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Cincinnati Bell Telephone, Citizens Telecommunications Companies, Frontier Communications of Minnesota and Iowa, Frontier Communications of Rochester, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., Nevada Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Qwest Corporation, Southern New England Telephone, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Sprint Local Telephone Companies, Valor Telecommunications Enterprises, LLC, and Verizon Telephone Companies.

² 44 U.S.C. §§ 3506 et seq.

The first TRP attached to the present notice is the short form TRP that seeks information to be submitted by the price cap ILECs, but does not include rates. Price cap carriers will be required to provide this preliminary cost information on May 1, 2003, as required by the Commission's rules.³ The next attached TRP is the long form to be used by the price cap ILECs that will contain actual rates and provide information on revenues and revenue requirements and will be submitted with the 2003 annual access tariff filing. In addition, the TRPs can be accessed electronically at the Pricing Policy Division's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/ppd.

After reviewing comments received on the attached TRPs, the Bureau will issue final versions of the TRPs and establish tariff filing procedures for the 2003 annual access tariff filings for both price cap and rate-of-return carriers. These procedures will specify the dates on which the tariffs must be filed, the scheduled effective date of those tariffs, the dates for filing petitions to suspend or reject the ILEC tariff filings, the date for filing replies to any such petitions, and service requirements for the petitions and replies.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,⁴ interested parties may file comments on the format and content of these TRPs on or before April 7, 2003 and reply comments on or before April 14, 2003. Comments should reference File No. WCB/Pricing 03-15. Comments should be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties also should send three paper copies and an e-mail copy of their filing to Raj Kannan, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A264, Washington, DC 20554, and one copy to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Comments can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail:

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 61.49(k).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

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USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority	445 12 th Street, SW
Mail	Washington, DC 20554

Filings and comments in WCB/Pricing No. 03-15 are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁵ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More that a one-sentence or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.⁶ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁷

For further information, please contact Raj Kannan or Paula-Ann Cech, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1540.

47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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⁴⁷ C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Price Cap Tariff Review Plans

Approved by OMB 3060-0400 Expires May 13, 2003

See below for information regarding public burden estimate.

NOTICE: These Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) contain summary support material that certain local exchange carriers (LECs) should file to support their annual access charge tariff filings in partial fulfillment of sections 61.44 through 61.49 of the Commission's rules. The TRPs specify basic information in a consistent format and are essential components of the Commission's access tariff review process. The information in the TRPs is used by the FCC to evaluate rates. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 61 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of Managing Director, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

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Short Form PRICE CAP TRP





Long Form PRICE CAP TRP



